

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Preliminary Matters

The Examiner has objected to Fig. 1 stating that there is no description of reference numeral 26a. The specification at page 16, line 5, has been amended to describe reference numeral 26a. Consequently, the Examiner's rejection of Fig. 1 should be withdrawn.

As a further preliminary matter, the Examiner has objected to the specification on pages 15 and 17. The specification has been amended as indicated above.

The Examiner has objected to the title stating that the title is not descriptive. Applicant proposes amending the title as indicated above. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the title.

II. Rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Steinberg et al. (U.S. Patent 6,006,039).

Claims 1, 8, 14 and 15 have been amended as indicated above.

In claims 1, 8, 14 and 15 of the present application, the temporary camera control information, the additional information and the indication information which are transferred to

the information processing unit 14 from the camera 12 relate to the image data of the photographed image (including temporary photographing) obtained by photographing with the camera 12.

On the other hand, in Steinberg, the configuration data which the PC 14 receives from the camera or PC, etc. is set as basic setting (initial setting) data of the camera 10 such as the operating system, behavioral parameters, data base information, text and graphics, and any specialized application module code, and relates to the basic behavior of the camera 10. This setting data is loaded into the PC 14 before photographing the image with camera 10 and then loaded into the camera 10 as you pointed out. That is, the setting data is loaded into the PC 14 irrespective of the image photographed with the camera 10. Therefore, the setting data is not related to the image which is photographed with the camera 10.

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be deemed patentable.

Since claims 8, 14 and 15 recite similar elements, claims 8, 14, 15 and their dependent claims should be deemed patentable for the same reasons.

III. New claims

Applicant has added claims 16-23 to provide a more varied scope of protection.

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IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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